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Dear Harold,

Received your two 2/18 letters to Paul & myself, today. For this I thank you very much.

You showed my zip code "97715" whereas this should be "97215". I minor matter perhaps but of the variety that causes empires to crumble.

Have been meaning to write you for some time, about a variety of subjects pertaining to our work, but something usually intervenes so I figured I'd send you a brief note, and follow up later with some notes on various subjects.

The situation here is very bad for me. Or maybe that should be "here and every place else". I am out of work and flat broke, a condition which makes even the feeblest tasks impossible sometimes. What little cash I can obtain locally by cajolery or chicanery goes to fuel my insatiable cigarette habit. There is rarely anything left for such small items (cents, not dollars) as postage, as Paul could tell you; he has been the victim.

What I should have been is one of those English gentlemen (unfortunately I am neither) who has a lifetime income of 1500 pounds and is free to devote his life to his favorite intellectual pursuits (In my case the destruction of the Whitewash Report and an occasional chess tournament) but alas! it was not to be.

All the above is not really to complain but to explain why I am not functioning as well as I want to. Maybe I will get myself straightened out one of these days and join the effort full steam.

The more you and Paul keep me posted the better I will be able to assist. There is quite a bit of work that has already been done by others, which I need to fit in with what I am working on, and I will be asking about it.

The "Latin Names List" has been greatly augmented, and retyped, and I think it would be very useful to a researcher in our field. I hope to see to it that you and Paul have a copy, as soon as I can.

Best,

Jim

Jim Schmitt

c/c: PH